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In the Application of:	)
Peter Clives Bridges, et al.	) Examiner: S.B. Ali
Serial No. 10/511,766  Filed: October 19, 2004	) ) ) Group Art Unit: 3743 )
Title: Respirator Assembly  Commissioner for Patents	,

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  - b. Statement of Relevancy of Foreign Language References
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Dear Sir:

The accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of the First Official Action in the above-referenced case. Therefore, a check for \$180.00 required by the filing of this paper is attached.

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